

# Reconstruction of Routes 23/41 (Main Street)

# Public Informational Meeting

January 21, 2020 Egremont Town Hall

# Project Purpose & Need



- Improve safety, operations, and connectivity for all users, consistent with the MassDOT Complete Streets initiative.
- Enhance safety and connectivity by closing gaps in the sidewalk network and improving mid-block crossings.
- Encourage safe vehicle speeds by updating intersection geometrics to MassDOT standards at North Undermountain Road, Buttonball Lane, Sheffield Road, and Creamery Road.

### **Project Goals**



- Maintain the character and charm of the village center.
- Create partnerships to advance the design within the community, business associations, and local civic groups.
- Avoid adverse impacts to historic structures or sites.
- Avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts.
- Avoid, minimize, and mitigate State Right-of-Way impacts.
- Avoid, minimize, and mitigate roadway widening along the south side of the roadway within the proximity of Karner Brook.
- Improve access management to limit driveway interruptions and improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility with continuous, uninterrupted sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Implement best design practices to manage and reduce speed.
- Maintain sensitivity and awareness to abutter needs throughout the project, as well as keep the public involved and informed throughout the design and construction process.

### Collaborative Partnership



- May 30, 2018 Notice to Proceed
- June 18, 2018 Town Meeting
- August 15, 2018. Selectmen Meeting
- November 6, 2018. Selectmen Meeting
- September 24, 2019. District Utility Coordination Meeting

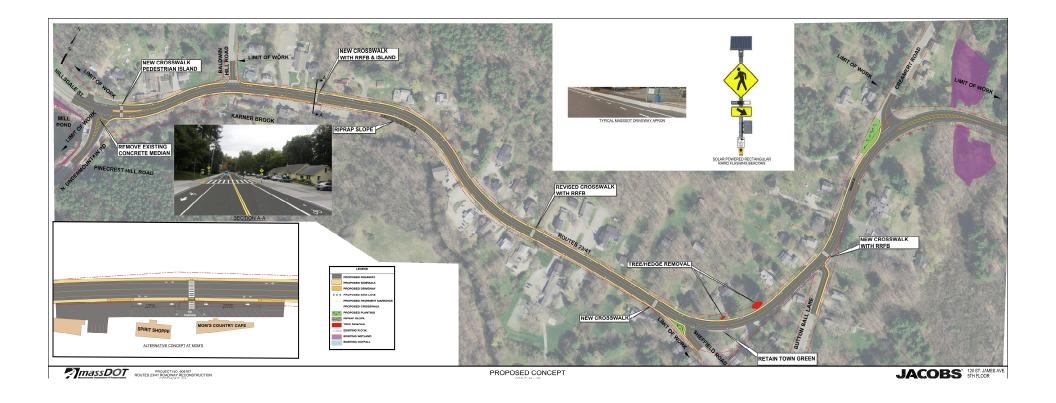
# **Traffic Calming Measures**



- Provide %oad diet+to decrease pedestrian crossing length
- Additional pedestrian crossings
- Three pedestrian crossings have Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Improved safety for bicyclists
- Created gateways at project limits
- Improved geometry and sight distance at N. Undermountain, Sheffield and Creamery Road intersections

# **Proposed Concept**





# Existing. Main St. at Momos





# Proposed. Main St. at Momos





# Proposed Project Improvements



- Remove concrete median on N. Undermountain Road
- Replace all highway guardrail
- New crosswalk with pedestrian island for gateway treatment
- Continuous sidewalks along Main Street
- Three new mid-block crossings with Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Provide slope stabilization along Karner Brook
- Improve geometry at N. Undermount, Sheffield and Creamery Road
- Continuous sidewalk to Egremont Free Library
- Provide marble sidewalk to Town

# Environmental Documentation & Permitting



- MEPA/NEPA
  - Anticipate filing of a categorical exclusion
- Historical Preservation
  - Anticipate initiation of Section 106
- Notice of Intent
  - Anticipate permit filing Summer 2020
- Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA)
  - File a report to the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program

# Right of Way



- Perform Title Work
- Contact Property Owners
- Perform Appraisals
- Review & Accept Layout TPI
- Approve Acquisition
- Award Payments

# Project Schedule & Cost



- Design Public Hearing . Spring 2020
- 75% Highway Submission . Fall 2020
- Construction Begins . Spring 2024
  - 10 Months Construction Duration
  - Temporary lane width reductions and shoulder closures
  - Minimize impacts to abutters
  - Maintain driveway and pedestrian access at all times
  - Two way traffic maintained
  - Anticipated cost \$4.04 Million Dollars with inflation

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